

Will the broadcast flag interfere with consumers ability to make copies of DTV content for their personal use, either on personal video recorders or removable media?

Of course it will interfere. Not only will it make it difficult to make a personal copy for your enjoyment, it will completely erase the ability of a media artist or filmmaker from using televised footage as a means of expression, whether for reverence or satire.

Would the digital flag interfere with consumers ability to send DTV content across networks, such as home digital networks connecting digital set top boxes, digital recorders, digital servers and digital display devices?

It would make it very difficult to daisy chain your own media set up together without buying a whole household of dtv flagged compatible equipment.

Would the broadcast flag requirement limit consumers ability to use their existing electronic equipment (equipment not built to look for the flag) or make it difficult to use older components with new equipment that is compliant with the broadcast flag standard?

At the least consumers would need to buy a set of compatible receivers and recorders, on top of the cost of transferring from ntsc standards to atsc.

Would a broadcast flag requirement limit the development of future equipment providing consumers with new options?

We would be limited in buying new equipment in the future because we would need to find compatible equipment with our old equipment.

What will be the cost impact, if any, that a broadcast flag requirement would have on consumer electronics equipment?

The price of everything would go up. And if one thing breaks, you wouldn't be able to replace just that one component easily. It's a logistical nightmare.